

Brigadier General John L. Hudson

Deputy Director, Joint Strike Fighter Program



Brig Gen John L. Hudson (Jack) is the Deputy Director for the Joint Strike Fighter Program, located in Arlington, Virginia. This joint program will develop and produce the next generation strike warfare weapon system for the U. S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force; for the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force; and, for other countries under partnership and foreign military sales plans.

Brig Gen Hudson was born in New York state. He was commissioned in 1973 upon graduation from the Air Force Academy. He has served in a wide variety of flying and acquisition assignments.

Education

- 1973 Bachelor of Science in aeronautical engineering, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado, Distinguished Graduate
- 1974 Master of Science in aeronautics and astronautics, Purdue University
- 1987 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, Distinguished Graduate
- 1991 Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, Distinguished Graduate

- 1991 Master of Arts in national security and strategic studies, US Naval War College
- 1993 Master of Science in management, Salve Regina University
- 1993 Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, Virginia
- 1997 Executive Program Management Course, Fort Belvoir, Virginia
- 1997 Executive Development Program, Cornell University

Assignments

- 1. June 1973 - May 1974 AF Institute of Technology graduate student, Purdue University
- 2. June 1974 - June 1975 Undergraduate pilot training, class 75-08, Sheppard AFB, Texas
- 3. July 1975 - May 1978 T-38 instructor pilot, 90th Flying Training Squadron, 80th Flying Training Wing, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
- 4. May 1978 - February 1979 T-38 fighter lead-in training, Holloman AFB, New Mexico; A-10 qualification training, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona
- 5. March 1979 - December 1981 A-10 pilot, instructor pilot and flight examiner, 510th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 81st Tactical Fighter Wing, RAF Bentwaters, United Kingdom
- 6. January 1982 - June 1984 USAF Test Pilot School and A-10 test pilot, A-10 Combined Test Force, Edwards Air Force Base, California
- 7. June 1984 - June 1986 A-7 and T-38 instructor test pilot, USAF Test Pilot School, Edwards Air Force Base, California
- 8. July 1986 - June 1987 Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 9. July 1987 - July 1990 Program Element Monitor, F-117 and Tri-Service Standoff Attack Missile (TSSAM) programs, the Pentagon, Washington DC
- 10. July 1990 - July 1991 Student, US Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island
- 11. July 1991 - July 1993 Director of Projects, TSSAM SPO, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

12. July 1993 - July 1994	Executive Officer to the Air Force Vice Chief of Staff, Headquarters United States Air Force, Pentagon, Washington DC
13. July 1994 - May 1996	Director of Flight Training System Program Office (Joint Primary Aircraft Training System and T-1A), Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
14. May 1996 - June 1997	Director of the F-15 System Program Office, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia.
15. June 1997 - September 1997	Deputy for Aeronautical Systems, Strategic and Tactical Systems, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, the Pentagon, Washington DC
16. September 1997 - May 1999	Senior Military Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, the Pentagon, Washington DC
17. May 1999 - Present	Deputy Director, Joint Strike Fighter Program, Washington DC

Flight Information

Rating: Command Pilot
Flight Hours: 3504 hours
Aircraft Flown: A-10, A-7, T-38 (and 42 other aircraft)

Major Awards and Decorations

Defense Superior Service Medal
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal

Effective Dates of Promotion

Second Lieutenant	Jun 6, 1973
First Lieutenant	Jun 6, 1975
Captain	Jun 6, 1977
Major	Aug 1, 1984
Lieutenant Colonel	May 1, 1989
Colonel	Jan 1, 1993
Brigadier General	Mar 1, 1999